off Jtier petticoat, as seeming too hot when others shake with cold Mr Secretary's ankle is now well, and he a courtier in as good grace and "with as absolute a command as ever had any subject

18;!? *March* Si? FRA.NCIS VERE LEAVETH OSTEND

On the 7th of tins month did Sir Francis Vere resign up his go v eminent ot Os^end unto others appointed by the States to sacceed him, having valiantly defended it for above eight months against all the Archduke's power, and leading it much better able to deiend itself than it was at his first coming thither. So the same nxght he and Jus brother. Sir Horatio Vere, embarked themsehes, naming sent a^ay their horses and baggage before them and both carrying \\ith them and leaving behind them tne marls ot their hcnoar and renown, for the stoucest arid bra\es[4]- soldiers of the Low Countries, Spain, England, France, Scotland and It-m, v>hilst they eagerly contend for a barren plot of sand ha\e iound here as it were one common sepulchre, though an eternal monument of their valour

zotb March A PROCLAMATION TO REPRESS PIRACIES

Manifold and dailv complaints being made of continual depredations and piracies committed on the seas by certain lewd and ill disposed persons pretending to make wars against the enemies of the Queen, certain articles are nov^ set forth for the prevention of such practices No man of war shall be furnished or set out to sea -without licence under the Great Seal of the Admiralty given to the Judge of the High Court of the Admiralty, Tor the good behaviour of themselves and company Any person whatsoever that shall take any ship that belongeth to her Majesty's friends and allies, or to any of then-

subjects, and shall tike from them any goods, except it be goods bound for Spam or Portugal, shall suffer death, with confiscation of goods No ship or \cssel furnished in warlike manner shall pass into the Straits or Mediterranean Sea upon pam of confiscation of goods Lastly it is straitly prohibited, upon pain of death, to all English men of \\ar to sell, alienate or dispose of any goods taken at sea either in Argier, Tunis, Zant, Petrasse or any other place in Barbary, Greece, Italy or elsewhere, but in the Kingdom of England only neither shall any of her Majesty's subjects re-